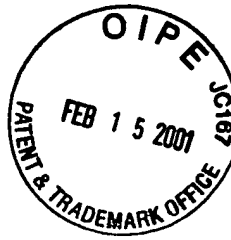


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : GUY A. COSMO
SERIAL NO. : 09/460,836
FILED : DECEMBER 14, 1999
TITLE : VERTICAL BAGGING APPARATUS
EXAMINER : JOHN SIPOS
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 23, 2001,
Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group
II - namely, Claims 9-14 drawn to a bagging apparatus with a